

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 6 February 2014**

The Faculty Senate met in Rooms 208-209 of the Bernhard Center. There were 54 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** D. Anderson, B. Applegate, L. Bierlein Palmer, C. Biggs, C. Emerson, P. Farber, R. Gershon, T. Greene, K. Harvey, B. Johnson, T. Kent, D. Lemberg, R. Manley, G. Mathews, J. Pellerito, C. Pietras, D. Schuster, C. Tremblay, J. Van Der Kley, B. Wagner. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Jonathan Bush, Chair, English; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; John-Mark Cuarto, President, and Molly Cahill, Vice President, Western Student Association; Alex Enyedi, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Jan Gabel-Goes, Associate Director, Office of Faculty Development; David Huffman, Chemistry; Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council and WMU-AAUP; Ming Li, Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Molly Lynde-Recchia, Chair, and Vivan Steemers, World Languages and Literatures; Nancy Mansberger, Director, Academic Collective Bargaining; Joseph Morris, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations.

Faculty Senate President William Rantz called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

Senate President William Rantz noted the agenda had been revised, as Harold Glasser was unable to attend, and presentations by Drs. Jody Brylinsky and Alan Rea added. A motion was made by Heun, supported by Baldner, to accept the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of 5 December Senate Meeting

The 5 December minutes were approved as published.

*Faculty Senate Executive Board Report – William Rantz,
Faculty Senate President*

Faculty Senate President William Rantz reported the following:

1. Remembrances for two faculty members were presented:
 - a. Lonnie Duncan, associate professor of counselor education and counseling psychology (by his colleague Joseph Morris).
 - b. Anthony Ellis, associate professor of English in January (by his department chair Jonathan Bush).
2. Provost Greene is out of town tonight.
3. An "Update from the Faculty Senate" was sent out by email to faculty last month which is available in hard copy tonight.

4. Rantz thanked those who responded to the Senate's annual request for a faculty fee to support the work of the Senate, noting that to date a third of the faculty have responded.
5. On February 13th there will be a day long campus-wide Suicide Prevention event which everyone was encouraged to attend. Presentations will be held throughout the day at various campus locations.
6. The Senate's Research Policies and Graduate Studies Councils with the Graduate Student Advisory Committee will present the Annual Research and Creative Activities Poster Day, on Friday, April 11 from 9 a.m. - 1p.m. in the Bernhard Center. Nominations for student poster presenters and faculty judge volunteers should contact the Office of the Vice President for Research by Friday, March 14.
7. The Senate will be forming an ad hoc committee to review the procedure for awarding honorary degrees.

Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn's remarks included the following:

- WMU has been named a Tree Campus for the sixth consecutive year, which is a tribute to the landscaping staff.
- News from Lansing: President Dunn testified before the Senate Higher Education Committee. The governor has proposed a budget, which will need to go through the state legislature. Western is not compared to other Michigan universities, but rather by Carnegie ranking. A driver of tuition increases is the lack of state support.
- The Medallion Scholarship competition went extremely well with an incredible turnout despite the weather.
- Visitors from the Dominican Republic are on campus looking into intercollegiate sports.

ACTION ITEM

*Nomination of the Faculty Senate President and Vice President – William Rantz,
Faculty Senate President*

The current terms of the Senate president and vice president will end at the May 15 Senate meeting and the election for those positions will be held in February.

- One petition for Senate president was received from Dennis Simpson, professor in Physician Assistant and Director of the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse, who currently serves as Senate vice president.
- One petition for Senate vice president was received from Richard Gershon, Professor and Co-Director of the Telecommunications & Information Management program, who currently serves as an Executive Board Director.

Since fewer than two nominating petitions were received for each position, eligible and consenting candidates could be nominated from the floor. In response to a call for additional nominations from the floor for Senate president, none were forthcoming. In response to a call from additional nominations from the floor for Senate vice president, Senator Asefa nominated Delores Walcott, but she declined

the nomination. No additional nominations were forthcoming and nominations were closed.

As the Senate Constitution allows all faculty to vote for Senate president and vice president, a vote will be conducted using the WMU Secure Survey.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Instructional Development Project and Travel Grants – Jan Gabel-Goes, Associate Director, Office of Faculty Development

http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/ID_grants_and_travel_grants_2_6_14.pptx

Money is allocated in the WMU-AAUP Contract for instructional development and travel grants, which is administered by the Office of Faculty Development. Funds are available for teaching, up to \$5,000 per award. The allocation is \$50,000 for project grants and \$30,000 for travel grants.

Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) States Initiative – David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies

Reinhold presented on the LEAP States Initiative in support of WMU joining with other Michigan universities to become a LEAP state. Becoming a LEAP state allows a consortium of schools in that state to join in LEAP initiatives such as opportunity for collaborative efforts, dialogue and connections with other states and expands the potential for resources. Endorsement means that WMU agrees with the ideals that a liberal education is important for our students. Reinhold said there would be no loss of autonomy in joining and membership would not put more requirements on either general education or the individual disciplines. Michigan becoming a LEAP state will not cost WMU money, promote a state system of higher education or attempt to make all institutions in the state the same.

Reinhold has presented this initiative to the Senate's Executive Board, the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education and the Undergraduate Studies Council. All have voiced interest and support. The USC plans to develop a resolution that can be presented to the full Senate for a vote. If supported, it will be forwarded to administration for consideration.

Additional information on the Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) States Initiative is available at <https://www.aacu.org/leap/states.cfm>

Internal Curriculum System Prototype – Alan Rea, Faculty Senate Executive Board Director

http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/currSys_update_026014.ppt

The process to create a system to review curriculum materials online began over two years ago. A beta test is in place. During spring 2014 the Haworth College of Business and the College of Education and Human Development will be processing course changes. Once a proposal has been entered in the system, the submitter will be able to track its progress in the system. A complete roll out is

anticipated in spring 2015 for courses. Beta testing for program changes is expected to begin in fall 2014.

Update on Academic Program Review and Planning – Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness

<http://www.wmich.edu/effectiveness/review/>

Brylinsky reported on the open forum that was held Thursday, 30 January with approximately 50 attendees in the Fetzer Center. An overview of the proposed academic program review and planning procedure and update on from the beta testing was provided at the forum.

A second APR&P forum is scheduled on Tuesday, 18 March from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Putney Auditorium.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Senator Schulman inquired about the Update from the Faculty Senate sent to all faculty by email. She felt that, as the Senate is an advocate for faculty, the update appeared to be more pro administration. She asked if the larger mission section on the larger mission was in direct response to something. Senate Rantz responded the letter stands on its own.

Senator Phillips expressed a concern about an incident of student parking for an event to which she had not received a satisfactory response. President Dunn asked that she send him an email with her concern.

Senator Phillips also asked why, with the recent Phishing incidents on campus, there wasn't more information on prevention. Vice Provost Jim Gilchrist responded that on the goWMU page for employee email there is an alert regarding Phishing. He also noted an email sent in the WMU Today alerting employees, as well as his presentation on Phishing at a recent Senate meeting. Some procedural changes have been implemented. Employees can no longer make changes to the banking options that previously could be handled electronically. They must now go in person to Human Resources and show identification to make those changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate President Rantz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office